

**GEOGRAPHY 253
(Urban Studies 253)
H(3-0) Area II**

Introduction To Cities

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Official Course Description:

A broad introductory survey, from diverse perspectives, of the processes that shape cities and urban life.

Prerequisite:

N/A.

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). N/A.

Text(s)/Readings:

R.T. Legates and F. Stout (2007) 4th ed The City Reader, New York: Routledge.

Additional required and optional readings will be made available through Blackboard, no later than one week before their assigned date. One copy of the text will be kept on reserve in Geography Collections Room, 4th floor of the Earth Sciences Building. You should not, in any case, forgo purchasing the text, but if you purchase the 3rd edition the few required chapters not found in that edition can be found in the 4th edition on reserve.

Grading (Weighting):

Components must total 100% (In calculating the final grade, the term work should count for not less than 50%. Any tests carried out during the last two weeks (14 days before end of lectures) may not account for more than 10% of the final grade, except in the case of take home examinations or projects).

State whether: There is no final examination for this course ***OR whether*** the final examination will be ***OR will not be*** scheduled by the Registrar's Office and ***whether or not*** it is essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

All assignments must be completed. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day late. On take-home, written assignments writing competency (organization, grammar, spelling, word choice, etc.) will count for 20% of the grade. The Writing Centre at SS 110 can help you with any writing difficulties you might have.

Grades will be based on:

Midterm Exam:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
Calgary Exercise:	25%
Film Analysis:	25%

Grades will be based on the following grading scale:

A+ (99-100); **A** (92-98.9); **A-** (88-91.9); **B+** (85-87.9); **B** (82-84.9); **B-** (78-81.9); **C+** (75-77.9); **C** (70-74.9); **C-** (62-69.9); **D+** (58-61.9); **D** (55-57.9); **D-** (52-54.9); **F** (0-51.9)

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suypaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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